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## KY EXCEL Announces New Members

Congratulations to the most recent additions to KY EXCEL. Nine new members increased the program's roster to 132 members. These members have committed to completing a combined 400 voluntary environmental projects.

### **Bart Schaffer and Marlene Boyle Residence (Advocate member) –**

The Bart Schaffer and Marlene Boyle residence, located in Shelby County, will be conducting household recycling, environmental stewardship and energy efficiency. Recycled materials will include plastic, glass, steel, aluminum, newspaper and cardboard. Energy efficiency will involve installing a water heater jacket and replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. The environmental stewardship project involves tree planting and composting of yard waste.

**City of Madisonville (Partner member) –** The city of Madisonville will form an EXCEL Committee. This committee will review KY EXCEL requests from other departments within the city, offer suggestions for future projects and forward these to DCA, as needed. The committee will make suggestions for energy saving, recycling or environmental projects to affected departments.

**Concord Health Systems and Ridgewood Terrace Health & Rehabilitation Center (Advocate members) –** These two Madisonville facilities have decided to collect and recycle aluminum cans. A nonprofit group will supply the recycling containers and pick up the cans. The money generated from the recycled cans will be donated to benefit the environment.

**Dawson Springs Health & Rehabilitation Center (Advocate member) –** This health care center in Dawson Springs will be replacing a boiler system with new Energy Star-rated heating and cooling units. The center will be installing 20 of the energy-efficient units at its facility.

**John Eisiminger Household (Advocate member) –** The John Eisiminger household, from Lawrenceburg, will be collecting and recycling aluminum cans. The project will involve the family's son and three cousins in the collection and recycling process to educate them on the environmental benefits.

## **New Members, continued...**

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Environmental Commission (Advocate member)** – The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Environmental Commission will sponsor an Arbor Day celebration and Tree Board Seminar, as well as work booths promoting the goals and ideas of the events. The LFUCG Environmental Commission will implement a second project, an annual Environmental Commission awards presentation.

**Mary Jo Harrod Residence (Advocate member)** – The Mary Jo Harrod residence, in Frankfort, has committed to collect and recycle plastic bottles, aluminum cans, glass, white paper, newspapers and cardboard.

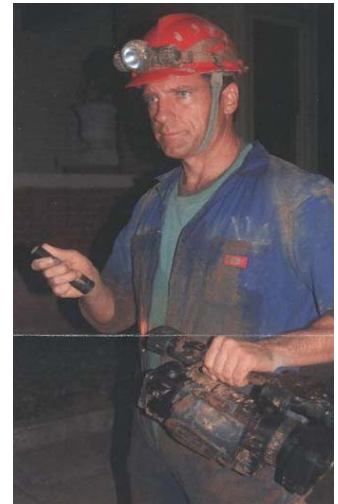
**Sara Lee Food & Beverage – Claryville Plant (Master member)** – Sara Lee will be hosting an Earth Day celebration on April 22, 2008. The facility will promote environmentally friendly transportation by providing secure bicycle storage, distributing information on alternative fuels, providing preferred parking for hybrids and alternative-fueled vehicles and providing preferred parking for carpoolers. Sara Lee will also form a Six Sigma Team to identify solid waste that can be recycled. It will work with Rumpke to start recycling programs where feasible. The facility will also ensure that native or adapted vegetation will account for 50 percent of the vegetation on its property by working with conservationists and universities.

**Toyotomi America Corp. (Partner member)** – Toyotomi America Corp. will be installing T8 fluorescent lighting in its warehouse. The new lighting will lead to energy conservation, better visibility and environmental benefits. The T8 lighting has a longer life span than the current lamps, has passed the EPA's test for nonhazardous waste and will allow the facility to save money and generate less nonhazardous waste.

**Tradewater Health & Rehabilitation Center (Advocate member)** – This Dawson Springs facility is implementing a paper recycling program. The collected paper will be shredded and recycled, saving trees and landfill space.

## **A Member's Dirty Job**

Congratulations to the American Cave Conservation Association, an advocate member since 2006, for being featured on the Discovery Channel's® popular show, *Dirty Jobs*. Mike Rowe, the host of the show, who seeks to personally experience different occupations, spent five days with the American Cave Conservation Association exploring the Hidden River Cave in Horse Cave, Kentucky.



If you missed the show, you will be glad to know that *Dirty Jobs* routinely re-airs its episodes. The *Cave Biologist* episode is scheduled to play a couple more times in the coming weeks. You can view the show's airtime schedule at <http://dsc.discovery.com/fansites/dirtyjobs/dirtyjobs.html>.

## **ISP Receives Responsible Care® Certification**

Congratulations to ISP Chemical, a KY EXCEL Master member located in Calvert City, for recently receiving its Responsible Care® Certification. Responsible Care® is a comprehensive environmental, health, safety and security initiative established by the

American Chemistry Council. Certified facilities must also adhere to ISO 14001 standards. This is a big commitment on the part of the facility. We commend ISP for its accomplishment.

## KY EXCEL News

### **Bruce Scott Appointed DEP Commissioner**

KY EXCEL is pleased to pass on that Bruce Scott was appointed commissioner of the Department for Environmental Protection this month. Commissioner Scott is a long-time employee of the department. Many of you will remember him from his time in the Division of Water where he managed the KPDES Branch, the organization responsible for all of the wastewater operating permits issued by the department. Most recently, he served as the director of the Division of Waste Management where he influenced policies related to waste management, recycling and contaminated property cleanup.

When asked about his appointment, he stated, "It is a tremendous honor to be asked to serve as the commissioner of the Department for Environmental Protection. I am very appreciative of Secretary Vance in providing me with this opportunity to lead the department in the many challenging issues that we face. Having worked in the department for over 24 years, I am fully aware that it takes each individual within the agency and each entity that the agency works with to do their part in order for the whole to accomplish its mission. When each person performs and leads with excellence in what they are required to do, we all collectively will be very successful in accomplishing our goal of protecting and enhancing the environment of the commonwealth. That is my intention, and I am counting on others to do their part as well."

We invite you to make Commissioner Scott feel welcome in his new position, and we look forward to his involvement in the KY EXCEL program.

### **Got Earth Day Plans?**

If you or your organization is planning Earth Day events, let KY EXCEL know about them. We are looking for events that we can feature, and we often are contacted by individuals looking for ideas on activities and projects they could conduct. Your creative ideas are valuable in helping us fill this need. If you have an activity or event that you would like to share, contact Lisa Barker at 800-926-8111.

## News & Upcoming Events

### **Upcoming Division of Compliance Assistance Training**

The Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) will be holding two compliance assistance training events in the next couple of months.

***Auto Body Collision Repair*** - March 11 and March 12 - Recently, the EPA released new regulations affecting all automotive/collision repair shops engaged in painting activities. Now is the time to learn about these requirements and what you can do to reduce their impact on your business and improve your working environment. This workshop, which is offered through a partnership between the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center and DCA, is especially important for shop owners, automotive painters, repair specialists, paint suppliers and instructors. Workshops will be offered in Bowling Green and Lexington.

***Pharmaceutical Waste Management*** - April 21 and April 22 - Did you know that Kentucky is

experiencing adverse environmental impacts as a result of improper pharmaceutical waste disposal? This training will help clarify how pharmaceutical waste should be handled and when pharmaceutical waste is regulated as a hazardous waste. These workshops will utilize Hospitals for a Healthy Environment resources, including the 10-Step Blueprint for Health Care Facilities. Representatives from hospitals, nursing homes and veterinary facilities that disburse pharmaceuticals to patients will want to attend. Workshops will be offered in Lexington and Louisville.

Be sure to save these dates if either of these training topics is of interest to you. Additional details for these training events are posted on the division's Web site at [www.dca.ky.gov](http://www.dca.ky.gov).

## **Federal Grant Opportunity for Communities**

KY EXCEL was recently informed about the availability of federal EPA CARE Grant funds for communities. The goal of these funds is to help communities plan and manage their environment, while reducing environmental risks to their citizens. This is a great opportunity for businesses and organizations to partner with their local communities. The EPA has provided KY EXCEL with the following information.

"Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program" – The U.S. EPA is soliciting proposals from eligible entities to receive financial assistance through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxins and environmental pollutants from all sources. The CARE grant program works with the eligible entities to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop a comprehensive understanding of the many sources of risk from toxins and environmental

pollutants, set priorities and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level. CARE's long-term goal is to help communities build self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve human health and local environments into the future. The EPA will award two types of cooperative agreements (Level I and Level II) under this solicitation as part of the CARE grant program.

The application deadline is March 17, 2008. Additional information is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/08-02.pdf>

## **Get Rid of Unwanted Catalogs**

Many KY EXCEL members have committed to projects to conserve and recycle paper. This idea may help you apply that goal at your individual homes. The Ecology Center, the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council have collaborated to put together an online consumer service called Catalog Choice. This tool gives people who shop via catalogs a choice of which catalogs they wish receive in the mail and which ones they wish to stop receiving.

These organizations have proposed that if catalog printing was reduced by 20 percent, it would save 10 million trees and 100,000 acres of land each year. They also have stated that this effort would also significantly reduce greenhouse gases. If you are interested in this service, you can sign up at <http://www.catalogchoice.org/>.

## **Five Star Restoration Grant**

The Five Star Restoration Program brings together students, conservation corps, other youth groups, citizen groups, corporations, landowners and government agencies to provide environmental education and training through projects that restore wetlands and streams. The

program provides challenge grants, technical support and opportunities for information exchange to enable community-based restoration projects. Funding levels are modest, from \$5,000 to \$20,000, with \$10,000 as the average amount awarded per project. However, when combined with the contributions of partners, projects that make a meaningful contribution to communities become possible. At the completion of Five Star projects, each partnership will have experience and a demonstrated record of accomplishment, and will be well-positioned to take on other projects. Aggregating over time and space, these grassroots efforts will make a significant contribution to our environmental landscape and to the understanding of the importance of healthy wetlands and streams in our communities. For more information on the grant program, visit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation at [www.nfwf.org/fivestar](http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar) or the EPA Five Star Restoration Grant Program at [www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/5star/).

## **New Recycling Organization Is Forming**

Some key players in the recycling industry—collectors, processors, brokers and manufacturers who use recycled materials—met this month and began laying the groundwork for a new statewide networking organization—the Kentucky Recycling Interest Group (KRIG).

The event at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton was sponsored by the Division of Waste Management in the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC) at the University of Louisville. More than 50 attendees spent the day brainstorming ideas regarding the focus and goals of KRIG.

For more information about KRIG, contact Fred Kirchhoff or Dara Carlisle at the Division of Waste Management, 502-564-6716. Their e-mail

addresses are [Fred.Kirchhoff@ky.gov](mailto:Fred.Kirchhoff@ky.gov) and [Dara.Carlisle@ky.gov](mailto:Dara.Carlisle@ky.gov).

## **KY-TN Green Development Conference**

On Feb. 24-26, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation are holding a conference in Nashville, Tenn., titled "Green Building: Fostering Water Quality and Efficiency in the Southeast." Nationally recognized experts in green development and water efficiency will present two tracks: Decision Makers and Practitioners.

The primary goals for this conference will be to inform city/county officials of the benefits of green development; the codes/regulations that can be implemented to encourage green development in communities; and promote dialogue and exchange among developers, architects, contractors and state and local officials regarding the aspects of green development and its contribution to the efficient use and quality of our waters. For complete conference details or to register, go to <http://www.outreach.utk.edu/GreenDevelopment/>

## **Rain Garden Training**

The Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources will host a brown bag lunch educational opportunity at the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort on Wednesday, April 9, 2008. There is no charge for the class. Join Dave Gabbard, water quality engineer with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, as he explains the positive impacts rain gardens have on your local environment. He will explain what this water-loving garden does for your local water quality and give you tips on how to start your own rain garden. Attend and learn new ideas to start a green project for your

school, church or even your own backyard. No registration is required.

## **Carbon Credit Workshop**

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, from 9–11 a.m., the Mercer County Extension Office will be hosting a Carbon Credit Workshop. The workshop will discuss what carbon credits are and how landowners can market carbon credits. There is no charge for this workshop.

For more information, contact the Mercer County Extension Office at 1007 Lexington Road (Corner of U.S. 127 Bypass and Highway 68), Harrodsburg, Ky., or call 859-734-9601.